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Dear Program Administrator:

We write to invite you and your staff to participate in a study “Kids in Care: Understanding Unaccompanied Immigrant Children's Experiences in the Care and Custody of the U.S. Government.” **Please note: Legal counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed that ORR grantees are permitted to participate in this confidential study.**

Loyola University Chicago Center for the Human Rights of Children (CHRC) is conducting a study designed to assess—from a comprehensive, multidisciplinary perspective—gaps and challenges for children in federal care and custody. The survey is intended for those who currently work or recently worked (within the last 2 years) as staff, subcontractors, or stakeholders with unaccompanied children held in federal custody. This survey includes topics, such as access to legal services, religious/ethnic/cultural services, medical and mental health services, educational services, leisure and play, and access to training on reporting abuse or emergency responses. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The CHRC aims to use this information to support formulation of best practices and recommendations in the provision of care to unaccompanied children.

This study has been made possible by the generous support of the John & Kathleen Schreiber Foundation and is approved by the Institutional Research Review Board of Loyola University Chicago (IRB #3435).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Principal Investigators:

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.